or more by M/s Reliance Industries Limited has been detected so far.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Upgradation of Pay Scales of Indian Accounts and Audit Department

3439. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have agreed in principle to upgrade 80 percent of the posts of Account and Audit Officers to Accounts officers of the LA. and A.D. in the" pay scale of Rs. 2200-4000 to the scale of Rs. 3000-4000;

(b) if so, whether the decision has been implemented by Government;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor, and

(d) by when the decision is likely to be implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Appointment of Directors on the Board of State Bank of Hyderabad

3440. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding appointment of Directors on the Board of State Bank of Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if reply to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons for the delay in taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) In respect of the Boards of Subsidiary Banks of State Bank of India including the State Bank of Hyderabad, Govenment is the appointing authority only in respect of workman employee director, officer employee director and Central Government official nominee. The non official directors are appointed by State Bank of India in consultation with the Government.

At present, the Central Government official nominee is in position in State Bank of Hyderabad. The workman employee director who was appointed in 1988 has completed his tenure and is continuing pending appointment of his successor as per the provisions of the statu. The position of officer employee director is vacant. Government have already initiated necessary action for filling up of these vacancies.

Government have not received any proposal from State Bank of India regarding appointment of non official directors on the Board of State Bank of Hyderabad.

Silver Being Smuggled into the Country

3441. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any estimate of the quantity of silver being smuggled into the country every year; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to curb this smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to estimate the quantity of silver being smuggled into the country, every year. The Customs authorities are alert against smuggling including that of silver. The field formations have been equipped with vehicles, vessels, firearms etc. Close coordination is being maintained between all the agencies concerned with the detection and prevention of smuggling. The anti-smuggling efforts have resulted in substantial seizures of silver over the past few years as given below:—

Year	Quantity (In Metric Tonne)	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1987	16.99	906
1988	16.99	1056
1989	99.32	6757

1990	216.45	14956
1991	197.93	13808

'B' Category Cities in Rajasthan

3442. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria of granting 'B' category cities;

(b) how many cities have been categorised as 'B' in Rajasthan; and

(c) which are the cities in Rajasthan that are under consideration to be brought under 'B' category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) : (a) No classification as 'B' category exists. For the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance, cities/towns are classified with reference to population as given below:—

Population of the city	Classification
More than 16 lakhs.	A
Above 8 lakhs but not exceeding 16 lakhs.	B-l
Above 4 lakhs but not exceeding 8 lakhs.	B-2
Above 50,000 but not exceeding 4 lakhs.	C

For the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance, population obtaining within the Municipal area of the city and for Compensatory (city) Allowance, the population of the Urban Agglomeration . of the city, wherever it exists, otherwise that of the Municipal area of the city is taken into account,

(b) 'B-l' class Jaipur.

'B-2' class
1. Jodhpur.
2. Ajmer.
3. Bikaner.

(c) The question of up-gradation/re-classification of cities, wherever necessary, will be taken up on receipt of the final population figures of 1991 Census from the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

White Paper on Structural Adjustment Loan

3443. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR; SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring a White Paper on the structural adjustment loan (SAL) from the World Bank; and

(b) if so, whether the White Paper would contain the details of the negotiations for the loans from the days of the previous Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): .(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Surplus Funds Available with RRBs

3444, SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is obligatory on the part of Regional Rural Banks' to keep their surplus funds deposited with their respective sponsoring Banks only;

(b) whether it is a fact that UCO Bank has directed all RRBs sponsored by it to keep their surplus funds with UCO Bank branches only and where such funds are with other banks, to transfer them to UCO Bank even by premature with drawal of term deposits with others;

(c) if so, whether as a result of this direction of UCO Bank, the concerned RRBs viz. Mallabhum Gramin Bank, Mayurakshi Gramin Bank and Gaur Gramin Bank have suffered loss of interest income as other banks are paying higher rates of interest than UCO Bank; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that it is not obligatory on the part of the Regional